| SI. No. | State | Formal approvals |
|---|---|---|
| 7. | Haryana | 17 |
| 8. | Karnataka | 13 |
| 9. | Madhya Pradesh | 8 |
| 10. | Maharasthra | 41 |
| 11. | Nagaland | 2 |
| 12. | Orissa | 4 |
| 13. | Punjab | 3 |
| 14. . | Rajasthan | 3 |
| 15. | Tamil Nadu | 32 |
| 16. | Uttar Pradesh | 16 |
| 17. | West Bengal | 13 |
| | GRAND TOTAL | 210 |

**Time limit for implementation of SEZ project**

2039. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

whether Government had formed any policy with regard to the implementation of SEZ project with a time limit;

if so, the details thereof; and

if not, will it not amount to hoarding of precious land by the private contractors engaged in developing SEZs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) The Special Economic Zones (SEZ) Rules, 2006 specifically provide that the letter of approval granted to a Developer shall be valid for a period of three years, with which time effective steps shall be taken by the Developer to implement the project.

(c) Does not arise.

**Sea-food export**

2040. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

what is the status of sea-food export in the country;

whether sea-food export has come down recently; and

the details of the sea-food export from the Western States in the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) Exports during

the previous three years have been increasing steadily. In 2004-05 total exports were the tune of 461329 M.T. (11.9% increase over 2003-04); during 2005-06 the exports increased to 512164 M.T. *i.e.* an increase of 11.02% over 2004-05. Similarly during 2006-07 exports were 612641 M.T., an increase of 19.62% over 2005-06. Exports of marine products increased by about 19.62% in quantity, 15.43% in Rupee and 12.69% in US Dollar realization during 2006-07 as compared to 2005-06. However, during 2007-08 (provisional figures are avilable upto January, 2008), exports have decreased in quantitative terms to about 435873 M.T. *i.e.* a decrease of about 18.08% over the last year. The reasons for the decrease in exports have been poor price offers, poor landing and rupee appreciation.

(c) The sea-food export from the Western States during the last 5 years is indicated in the table below:

Q: Quantity in MT, V: Value in Rs. Crore, US$ Million

| STATE | | 2006-07 | 2005-06 | 2004-05 | 2003-04 | 2002-03 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| GOA | Q | 16152 | 10719 | 10030 | 10212 | 15395 |
| | V | 89.45 | 55.56 | 46.96 | 31.40 | 50.11 |
| | $ | 19.70 | 12.59 | 10.42 | 6.89 | 10.37 |
| GUJARAT | Q | 188166 | 136485 | 119951 | 108386 | 134047 |
| | V | 1264.60 | 934.88 | 704.59 | 614.42 | 760.36 |
| | $ | 281.30 | 210.87 | 157.36 | 134.19 | 157.86 |
| MAHARASHTRA | $ | 140046 | 123716 | 112180 | 97457 | 112278 |
| | V | 1347.02 | 1242.21 | 1037.73 | 884.61 | 984.26 |
| | $ | 298.52 | 281.21 | 231.41 | 193.68 | 204.21 |

**Assistance to textile manufacturers of M.P.**

† 2041. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that Madhya Pradesh Government has submitted a proposal to the Central Government for the assistance of Rs. 41.97 crores to provide design, packing and export facility to the textile manufacturers of Madhya Pradesh at one place

if so, whether amount has been sanctioned for the above proposal; and

if not, the reasons therefor and present status of the above proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Rangarajan and Krishnamurthy Committees on problems of exporters

2042. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether to mitigate the problems of Indian exporters, two expert Committees *i.e.* the

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.